



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

**IN THE MATTER OF MILEAGE
REIMBURSEMENT PURSUANT
TO IOWA COURT RULE 22.18(2)**

SUPERVISORY ORDER

Earlier this year, in response to the legislature's significant reduction of the judicial branch's operating budget, the Iowa Supreme Court implemented a host of expense reduction measures. Among these measures were strict limits on judicial travel, which greatly reduced the travel of judges except for high priority cases, including certain criminal trials and juvenile cases. This travel restriction has disproportionately affected judicial services in counties without domiciled judges. To ease the travel restrictions and increase access to court services throughout the State, the supreme court has approved a decrease in the mileage reimbursement rate for all judicial branch personnel. It is expected that the savings from this reduction will offset a corresponding increase in judicial travel that the court will authorize in the near future.

Accordingly, pursuant to Iowa Court Rule 22.18(2), the mileage reimbursement rate for use of a personal vehicle on official judicial branch business shall be reduced to twenty-five cents per mile for mileage incurred between April 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009. On July, 1 2009, the mileage rate shall revert to the previous rate of forty cents per mile.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2009.

THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

By Marsha Ternus
Marsha K. Ternus, Chief Justice